NOTICES

Notice Regarding The Filing of Habeas Matters

Notice is hereby given that beginning February 1, 2019, newly initiated habeas matters, with a file date of 02/01/2019 and after, will be paperless and e-filable. Case Initiation for habeas matters will continue to be filed on paper with the appropriate clerk's office. The case initiation documents will be scanned by the clerk's office, and an electronic file will be created.

As with most other civil case types, E-filing in e-filable Habeas cases is mandatory for attorneys and law firms unless granted an exclusion from electronic services requirements and optional for self-represented parties. Documents subsequent to case initiation must be filed electronically by attorneys via Superior Court E-Services subject to exceptions as outlined in the E-Filing Procedures and Technical Standards document [https://www.jud.ct.gov/external/super/E-Services/e-standards.pdf]. Most documents filed on paperless habeas cases will be accessible publically over the internet using the Civil/Family Case Look-up.

For further information go to https://www.jud.ct.gov/external/super/E-Services/efile/ or contact eservices@jud.ct.gov

Hon. Patrick L. Carroll III

Chief Court Administrator

Notice of Certification as Authorized House Counsel

Upon recommendation of the Bar Examining Committee, in accordance with § 2-15A of the Connecticut Practice Book, notice is hereby given that the following individuals have been certified by the Superior Court as Authorized House Counsel for the organization named:

Certified as of December 14, 2018:

Justin Frank Heinrich
Adam David Jablon
Andrea V. Lockenour

Premier Education Group, L.P.
Point 72 Asset Management, L.P.
Boehringer Ingelheim

Michel Nicolas Werthenschlag World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc.

Certified as of December 17, 2018:

Lara Jean Loyd UnitedHealthcare

Hon. Patrick L. Carroll III

Chief Court Administrator

Notice of Public Censure

<u>In Re</u>: Complaint of John Chaponis, filed June 20, 2018 against the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee

On this date, December 19, 2018, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has acknowledged and agreed that there is sufficient evidence to sustain and prove the Judicial Review Council's Findings of Probable Cause regarding violations of the Judicial Code of Conduct and Connecticut General Statutes section 51-51i(a), based on the investigation and probable cause hearing into the allegations of misconduct set forth in the complaint of John Chaponis.

Further, Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, acknowledges that the violations as set forth below warrant affirmative action by the Judicial Review Council in the form of a public censure.

Specifically, Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, acknowledges that the evidence before the Judicial Review Council is sufficient to prove that he has committed the following violations:

- (1) A violation of Rule 1.2 of the Judicial Code of Conduct and General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1), by acting in a manner that reflected adversely on his temperament and on his appearance of impartiality;
- (2) A violation of Rule 2.2 of the Judicial Code of Conduct and General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1), by exhibiting a lack of impartiality toward a litigant, and a lack of appropriate judicial temperament;
- (3) A violation of Rule 2.6(b) of the Judicial Code of Conduct and General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1), by using intimidating language, with the goal of compelling a settlement; and
- (4) A violation of Rule 2.8(b) of the Judicial Code of Conduct and General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(8), in that by speaking and acting in a manner that was undignified and discourteous, and that expressed exasperation and impatience.

The Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has waived his right to litigate the Council's findings at a public hearing. Instead, through counsel the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has indicated a willingness to accept that his conduct, as set forth in the findings above, was not in accordance with the ethical standards for Connecticut Judges and Judge Trial Referees.

Accordingly, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, is hereby publicly censured for the violations as set forth above. The Judicial Review Council directs the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, to conduct himself in the future in accordance with the requirements of the Judicial Code of Conduct and the relevant Connecticut General Statutes, so as to prevent any recurrences of unethical conduct.

The Judicial Review Council has determined that this public censure constitutes adequate discipline in this matter. No further action is warranted at this time.

Mark D. Phillips Chairman, Judicial Review Council

Notice of Public Censure

<u>In Re</u>: Complaint of Attorney Dale Clayton, dated June 4, 2018, against the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee

On this date, December 19, 2018, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has acknowledged and agreed that there is sufficient evidence to sustain and prove the Judicial Review Council's Findings of Probable Cause regarding violations of the Judicial Code of Conduct and Connecticut General Statutes section 51-51i(a) as set forth below, based on the Council's investigation and probable cause hearing into allegations of misconduct set forth in the complaint of Attorney Dale Clayton.

Further, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, acknowledges that the Findings of Probable Cause warrant affirmative action by the Judicial Review Council in the form of a public censure.

Specifically, Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, acknowledges that the evidence before the Judicial Review Council is sufficient to prove that he has committed the following violations:

- (1) A violation of Rule 1.2 and of General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1), by speaking and acting in a manner which reflects adversely on his impartiality and his temperament;
- (2) A violation of Rule 2.8(b) and of General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(1); by speaking and acting in a manner that was undignified and discourteous, and that expressed exasperation and impatience; and
- (3) A violation of Rule 2.8 and General Statutes section 51-51i(a)(8) by acting in a discourteous and undignified manner, employing sarcasm and intimidation in his interactions with a lawyer and a witness.

The Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, has waived his right to litigate the Judicial Review Council's findings at a public hearing. Instead, through counsel, he has indicated a willingness to accept that his conduct, as set forth above, was not in accordance with the ethical standards for Connecticut Judges and Judge Trial Referees.

Accordingly, the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, is hereby publicly censured for the violations set forth above. The Judicial Review Council directs the Honorable George Levine, Judge Trial Referee, to conduct himself in the future in accordance with the requirements of the Judicial Code of Conduct and the relevant Connecticut General Statutes, so as to prevent any recurrences of unethical conduct.

The Judicial Review Council has determined that this public censure constitutes adequate discipline in this matter. No further action is warranted at this time.

Mark D. Phillips Chairman, Judicial Review Council